206 Abstract of the Disclosure A water insoluble, biocompatible composition that is 207 formed by a method which combines, in an aqueous mixture, a 208 polyanionic polysaccharide, a nucleophile, and an activating 209 agent, under conditions sufficient to form the composition. 210 Also, a water insoluble, biocompatible composition that is 211 formed by a method which combines, in an aqueous mixture, a 212 polyanionic polysaccharide, a modifying compound, a 213 nucleophile and an activating agent under conditions 214 sufficient to form the composition. 215 **1 216** APPL2330

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